

MINUTES OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TENANT-LANDLORD COMMISSION

December 17, 2015

Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, Virginia 22035
Conference Room 9
Chair Congleton presiding

Attendees:

Commissioners Fielding, Geier-Smith
Kocsis, Panettieri, Congleton, Gomez, Park

Absentees:

None

Staff Attending:

Michael S. Liberman, Director
Cable and Consumer Services
Susan C. Jones, Branch Chief
Consumer Affairs Branch
Vee Johnson, Consumer Specialist
Consumer Affairs Branch

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Congleton.

Minutes

- A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded by Commissioner Kocsis to approve the minutes from October 15, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- Chair Congleton did not have a report.

Director's Report

- Director Liberman did not have a report.

Staff Report

- Workshops about Tenant Rights and Responsibilities were presented at the Katherine Hanley Family Shelter, Manchester Lakes Senior Apartment Homes and the Foster Care Life Skills Program in November and December. Information and brochures prepared by the Commission were distributed.
- Commissioners whose terms expire in 2015, were reminded to contact the Board of Supervisor to inform of their desire to be reappointed.

Commission Matters

- The calendar was reviewed. There are no updates at this time.
- Chair Congleton shared information about a follow up call from Ms. Light who attended the October meeting and shared information about issues in her rental dwelling. He referred her to county resources.
- No concerns or interests were presented at this time.

Unfinished Business

- As a follow up to a previous Commission question regarding the possibility of a rental discount for county employees based on rising rental rates, while it is legally permissible for a landlord to offer a rental discount, there are no plans to add to the housing programs already in place through the Department of Housing and Community Development.
- Commissioner Geier-Srnith informed that The Parliaments offers discounts to county employees.

New Business

- Pursuant to Article IV of the Bylaws, the following slate of candidates was nominated:
Commissioner Kocsis - Landlord Vice-Chair
Commissioner Panettieri – Tenant Vice-Chair
Commissioner Geier-Srnith-Secretary

A motion was made by Commissioner Fielding to accept the slate of candidates as nominated. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gomez and Chair Congleton. The motion carried unanimously.

- Meeting dates for 2016, were confirmed. The Commission will meet in February, April, June, August, October, and December of 2016.
- The 2016 Northern Virginia Housing Expo will be Saturday, March 19th from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. at Freedom High School in Woodbridge, Virginia. Staff will partner with the Department of Housing to provide information and answer questions from the public. Commissioner Fielding plans to attend.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Chair Congleman and seconded by Commissioner Gomez and Geier-Srnith to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16p.m.